

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/025,157 (hereinafter the '157 application) and Serial No. 10/027,749 (hereinafter the '749 application). The claims in the '157 application are identical to the claims in the '749 application. Although later filed, the '749 application was examined first by Examiner Le in Group Art Unit 2862. Examiner Le issued a three-way restriction requirement and mailed a rejection regarding a set of verbally elected claims. Soon thereafter, the '157 application was examined by Examiner Moskowitz in Group Art Unit 3663, and all the claims were allowed. However, the '157 application was missing a drawing (Figure 5), and the art cited by Examiner Le did not precisely match the art cited by Examiner Moskowitz.

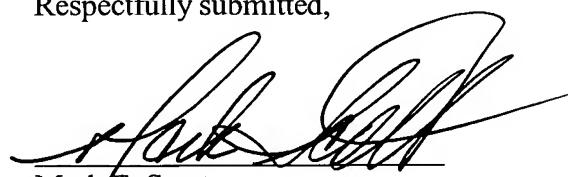
Applicants thus file the current continuation in order to cite the non-duplicative art from the '749 application, to correct informalities regarding the specification and drawings, and to cancel from consideration claims 1-19 and 30-37 (in favor of those same claims in the '749 application).

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims and a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite the resolution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

If any fees are inadvertently omitted or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Conley Rose, P.C. Deposit Account Number 03-2769.

Respectfully submitted,



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